

HOUSE RESOLUTION 220  
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William G. Scheibe, Sr.  
of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of nationally renowned landscape architect, Mr. William G. Scheibe, Sr., on September 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William G. Scheibe, Sr. was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 14, 1916, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of the late Paul F. Eduard Scheibe and the late Robina Galloway Scheibe, William G. Scheibe, Sr., was educated in the public schools of Texas. He attended Southern Methodist University, San Antonio College and was a graduate of the International City Managers Association School of Parks & Recreation Administration; and

WHEREAS, he valiantly served his nation, as a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe served with acumen and alacrity as a longtime landscape architect, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in the Dallas Parks and Recreation System and later served as general superintendent of that system. While in Dallas, he was responsible for the development of Turtle Creek Boulevard, a nationally acclaimed beautification project and a National Award for a Rose Garden in Samuel Park; and

WHEREAS, he then joined the San Antonio Park System and later served the City of Houston, Texas as the Director of Parks and Recreation. While in Houston, Mr. Scheibe was

instrumental in developing Miller Theatre, which at the time was acclaimed as the world's finest outdoor entertainment facility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe, in his later years, recognized the need for professional assistance in parks and recreation planning and thus created Bill Scheibe and Associates Incorporated, the first total parks and recreation consulting service in Texas, incorporating advice and ideas in planning maintenance, development and funding. He also associated with his family in the operation of the Scheibe Nursery and Landscape Contracting Service in Brenham, Texas; and

WHEREAS, following retirement, Mr. Scheibe moved to Fayette County, Tennessee in 1986 where he enjoyed caring for his farm and working with his lifelong love of the soil and nature; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Presbyterian, Mr. Scheibe was an active and devout member of the Somerville First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years, and attended as often as his health permitted; and

WHEREAS, active within his community and in civic organizations, Mr. Scheibe was a longtime Rotarian and served as President of the Technical Club of Dallas and Texas Turf Grass Association. He also served as the Director of the American Parks and Recreation Society, Beautify Texas Council and was the recipient of numerous awards including the American Institute of Park Executives Award of Excellence. He was an avid golfer in his earlier years and during the Presidential Administration of Lyndon B. Johnson, served as the National Chairman of the Lady Bird Johnson Beautification Project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, William G. Scheibe, Sr. enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, the former Grayce Mary Agnes Cornuau who preceded him in death on September 2, 1991, and was the proud parent of his daughter, Patricia Agnes Lawrence, his three sons, William G. Scheibe, Jr., of Cordova, Robert Allen Scheibe of Houston, Texas, and Richard Steven Scheibe of Whiteville, twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Agnes McLendon of Atlanta, Georgia and brother, Paul F. Scheibe, Jr. of Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mr. William G. Scheibe, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scheibe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.